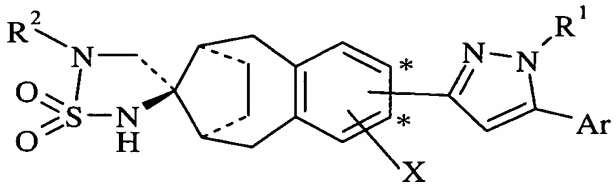
Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Original) A compound of formula I:



I

wherein the pyrazole group is attached at one of the positions indicated by an asterisk and X is attached at a position adjacent thereto;

X represents H, OH, C_{1-4}alkoxy, Cl or F;

Ar represents phenyl or 6-membered heteroaryl, either of which bears 0-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CF_3, CHF_2, CH_2F, NO_2, CN, OCF_3, C_{1-6}alkyl and C_{1-6}alkoxy;

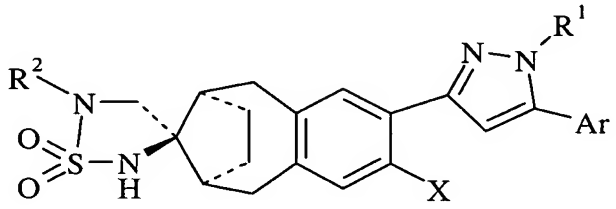
R^1 represents a hydrocarbon group of 1-5 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted with up to 3 halogen atoms; and

R^2 represents H or a hydrocarbon group of 1-10 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted with up to 7 halogen atoms;

provided that when X is H, R^2 does not represent 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl;

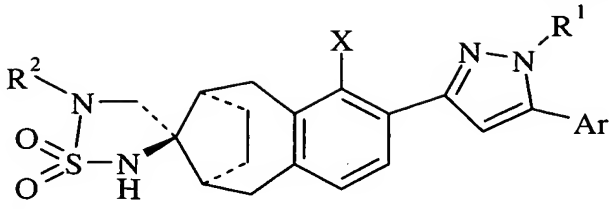
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula IIa:



IIa

or formula IIIa:



IIIa

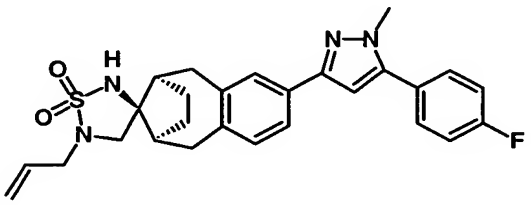
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any previous~~ claim 1 wherein Ar represents phenyl, monohalophenyl, dihalophenyl, trihalophenyl, cyanophenyl, methylphenyl, methoxyphenyl, trifluoromethylphenyl, trifluoromethoxyphenyl, pyridyl, monohalopyridyl and trifluoromethylpyridyl, wherein "halo" refers to fluoro or chloro.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any previous~~ claim 1 wherein R^2 represents H, benzyl, or alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl of up to 6 carbon atoms, or benzyl, and optionally bears up to 5 fluorine substituents.

Claim 5 (Original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein X is H, R^1 is methyl, Ar is 4-fluorophenyl and R^2 is selected from H, benzyl, n-propyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, n-butyl, isopropyl, t-butyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 2,2-difluoroethyl, 2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoropropyl, 3,3,3-trifluoropropyl, allyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl and cyclopropylmethyl.

Claim 6 (Original) The compound of formula:



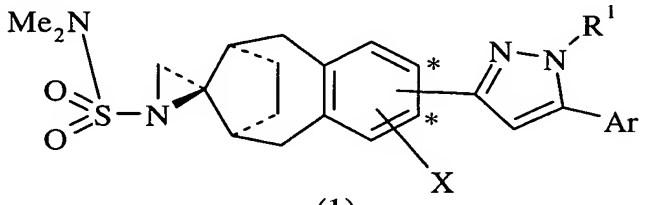
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A pharmacuetical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any previous~~ claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a subject suffering from or prone to Alzheimer's disease which comprises administering to that subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-6~~.

Claim 11 (Original) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1 in which R^2 is other than H comprising reaction of a compound of formula (1):



(1)

with $R^{2a}NH_2$;
where the pyrazole group is attached at one of the positions indicated by an asterisk and X is attached at a position adjacent thereto;
R^{2a} is R^2 that is other than H;
and X and Ar, R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 1.